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### 1. CHINA/CAMBODIA

REUTER (PEKING) QUOTES CHINESE FON MIN SPOKESMAN THAT PRC NOT AWARE OF SITUATION REPORTED BY SWEDISH CORRESPONDENT IN WHICH REGULAR BATTLES BEING FOUGHT BETWN CHINESE/VIET TROOPS ON THEIR BORDER. SAYS DIPLO SOURCES IN PEKING ACKNOWLEDGED FRICTION ALONG BORDER IN PAST, BUT NOT A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION. THEY SUGGESTED PROBLEM PROBABLY  
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AROSE FROM FACT BORDER NOT CLEARLY MARKED/INCIDENTS ARISE MAINLY FROM TRIBESMEN STRAYING ACROSS LINE. CSM (HK) REPORTS THAT SWEDE QUOTED "TRUSTWORTHY" SOURCES IN HANOI THAT FIGHTING TAKING PLACE APPROX 260 MI TO THE NORTH/HIGH VIET OFFICIALS WHO DENIED REPORTS, ALTHO CONFIRMING THERE ARE TENSIONS AT THE BORDER.

2. CAMBODIA

ON 3RD ANNIVERSARY COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF PP, WP'S OBERDORFER QUOTES EXILED LEADER/US CONGRESSMAN THAT PRESENT-DAY HOLOCAUST TAKING PLACE IN CAMBODIA. SONG CHHANG, INFO MIN BEFORE COMMUNIST VICTORY/REP STEPHEN SOLARZ (D-NY) CALLED

IN NEWS CONF FOR INCREASE INTL CONDEMNATION OF "REIGN OF TERROR" IN CAMBODIA. CHHANG ADVOCATED INTL CONF TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON PP LEADERS; SOLARZ CALLED ON US TO PROVIDE REFUGE FOR 15,000 CAMBODIANS; EXEC BRANCH OFFICIALS SAID DEATH TOLL OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION IN CAMBODIA BELIEVED POSSIBLE.

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

GREEK GOVT AGREED WEDS TO HELP 51 VIET REFUGEES STRANDED IN MOMBASA ABROAD GREEK SHIP WHICH RESCUED THEM IN S CHINA SEA. SPOKESMAN FOR UNHCR SAID GREECE AGREED "ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS" TO GIVE GUARANTEE TO KENYAN GOVT THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT REFUGEES AFTER 3-MONTH TEMPORARY ASYLUM IN KENYA. SHIP WAS TO SAIL WEDS FOR S AFRICA, BUT WAITED IN PORT IN HOPE OF SOLUTION (REUTER NAIROBI 4/19).

4. KOREA

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SK FONMIN PARK TONG JIN SAID IN INTERVIEW 4/19 HE SAW LITTLE NEW IN PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE TALKS UNDER WHICH SK/NK/US WOULD WORK OUT REUNIFICATION PLAN. PROPOSAL PRESENTED TO PRES CARTER BY YUGOSLAVIA'S TITO DURING US VISIT LAST MONTH. PARK STATED SK CANNOT AFFORD HAVE KOREA QUESTION BECOME "POLITICAL FOOTBALL" IN INTL POLITICS. WESTERN SOURCES, HOWEVER, SAY AMEMB SEOUL HAS URGED SK NOT TO REJECT IDEA IMMEDIATELY, BUT MAKE ATTEMPT OBTAIN MORE DETAILS ON HOW IT WOULD WORK (CHAPMAN, WP SEOUL).

ACTING DEP ATTY GENRL CIVILETTI SAID 4/19 HE EXPECTED 2 TO 4 ADDITIONAL PROSECUTIONS IN KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING PROBE. TESTIFYING BEFORE SEN APPROPRIATIONS CMTE, ALSO SAID ADDITIONAL CASES MIGHT RESULT FROM INVESTIGATIONS BY HOUSE/SEN ETHICS CMTEs (AP, PHINQ).

NYT'S MALCOLM (TOKYO) NOTES THAT WHILE DATE FOR SK'S ELECTIONS THIS SPRING HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED, IT IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION PARK CHUNG HEE/SUPPORTERS WILL WIN. NOTES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL HAVE ONLY 1 CANDIDATE--PRES PARK. DIVIDED OPPOSITION FORCES WILL

NOT OFFER OWN CANDIDATE ON GROUND THAT CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS CRITICISM OF PRES PARK. OPINES ONE PROMINENT OPPONENT OF PARK, "IT'S A SHAM...ALL PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC VENEER THAT PARK HAS LAID ACROSS KOREA."

5. CHINA

RAM (CSM NEW DELHI) DOES ITEM ON SEMI-SOVEREIGN

INDIAN STATE OF BHUTAN, WHICH HAS ASSERTED ITS RIGHT CARRY ON INDEPENDENT FOM RELS. REMARKS IMPROVEMENT IN INDIA-PRC RELS HAS CLEARED WAY FOR BHUTAN TRADE W/CHINA, IMPROVE OWN RELS W/PEKING.

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MATHEWS (LAT HK 4/17) NOTES PRC HAS PAID "ULTIMATE ACCOLADE" TO CHOU EN-LAI BY NAMING AFTER HIM SHANGHAI-NANKING TRAIN, "CHOU EN-LAI SPECIAL."

6. CHINA/JAPAN

USSR HAS REJECTED CHINESE CLAIMS TO SENKAKU ISLANDS, ACCUSING PRC OF WANTING TO SEIZE RESOURCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. TASS LINKED CHINESE PRESENCE IN WATERS OFF ISLANDS W/WHAT IT SAID WAS PROGRAM DESIGNED BY MAO FOR CHINESE EXPANSION THROUGHOUT S E ASIA (REUTER MOSCOW 4/19).

7. JAPAN

GOJ SOURCES SAY JAPAN PREPARED OFFER SUBSTANTIAL TARIFF-REDUCTION CONCESSIONS TO US/EUR AT GENEVA TALKS. SOURCES INDICATE GOJ BEGINNING BELIEVE JAPAN HAS NO OTHER CHOICE IN VIEW COUNTRY'S 20.5-BIL-DOL TRADE SURPLUS IN FY'77 (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

NEARLY HALF JAL FLIGHTS FROM TOKYO CANCELLED WHEN AIR CREWS JOINED COUNTRY'S SPRING STRIKE OFFENSIVE 4/20 (REUTER TOKYO). MEANWHILE, SOME 5 MILLION JAPANESE FORCED REMAIN AT HOME/SPEND NIGHT AT PLACES OF WORK WHEN JAPANESE RR UNIONS STAGED NATIONWIDE STRIKE FOR 2ND SUCCESSIVE DAY 4/19 (REUTER TOKYO 4/19).

TREASURY CHARGES STAINLESS STEEL PIPE/TUBING FROM JAPAN BEING DUMPED ON US MARKET. CASE BEING REFERRED TO ITC FOR DECISION (WSJ).

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ANOTHER POSTWAR LOW IN MARCH, ACCORDING BANK OF JAPAN. BANK FORECAST RATES WOULD DROP MORE THAN 1 PCT AGAIN IN APRIL (UPI, JOC).

MITI PLANS IMPORT/STOCKPILE GOLD ON GOVERNMENTAL BASIS IN ORDER HELP TRIM NATION'S TRADE SUPRLUS. MITI SOURCES SAY, HOWEVER, PLAN BEING SCRUTINIZED CLOSELY DUE FEARS SUCH PURCHASES COULD LIFT GOLD PRICE/FURTHER DEVALUE US DOLLAR (UPI, JOC).

#### 8. INDOCHINA

HOUSE INTL RELS CMTE APPROVED RESOLUTION WEDS CALLING ON UN TO HELP ACCOUNT FOR AMERICANS STILL LISTED AS MIA. RESOLUTION PARALLELS SIMILAR BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE BY SEN HUMPHREY (REUTER 4/19).

#### 9. THAILAND

DISCOVERY OF BABY SMUGGLING RACKET HAS PROMPTED RTG TO DRAFT LAW BANNING ADOPTION THAI CHILDREN BY FOSTER PARENTS OVERSEAS, ACCORD THAI WELFARE OFFICIALS. ALTHO THAILAND INTRODUCED STRICTER CONTROLS ON ADOPTION BY FOREIGNERS LAST YR FOLLOWING DISCOVERY BABY EXPORT BUSINESS, ILLEGAL CHILD SMUGGLING STILL TAKING PLACE DESPITE CLOSER SUPERVISION (REUTER BANGKOK).

#### 10. PHILIPPINES

FORMER PHILS PRES MACAPAGAL SAID IN STATEMENT WEDS THAT RESULTS OF PHILS 1ST ELECTION UNDER MARTIAL LAW UPHELD HIS STAND THAT POLL WAS A "FARCE." SAID GOP NOW FACED W/HUGE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF SUPPORTING "ORNAMENTAL" LEGISLATURE (REUTER MANILA 4/19).

#### 11. INDONESIA

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ACCORD CSM'S SHAFFER, WORLD OIL EXPERTS CONCERNED THAT INDO, W/10 PCT WORLD'S POTENTIAL OIL RESERVES, HASN'T DISCOVERED NEW FIELDS IN 3 YRS. W/DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION RISING BY MORE THAN 15 PCT, SAYS IN 15 YRS INDO COULD BECOME OIL IMPORTER UNELSS MORE AGGRESSIVE EXPLORATION CARRIED ON.

12. AUSTRALIA

CSM'S DEELEY DOES PIECE ON PLIGHT OF AUSSIE CAR BUYERS WHO ARE FIGHTING AGAINST HI PRICES/SHODDY WORKMANSHIP/ HI IMPORT DUTIES ON FOM CARS. SAYS THEY ARE TURNING TO IMPORTED LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, BUT AUTO INDUSTRY SEEKING CLAMP DOWN RESTRICTIONS ON THESE IMPORTS, TOO. CONTENTS RESTRICTIONS, HOWEVER, NOT LIKELY SOLVE PROBLEM-- THAT INDUSTRY ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON GOA TO HELP IT OUT OF TROUBLE/UNABLE WIN BACK CONSUMER BY ITS OWN SKILL.

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) REPORTS THAT MAY TALKS IN TOKYO CONCERNING PROPOSED EXPORTS OF RUSSIAN GAS TO JAPAN/US WILL DETERMINE HOW/WHEN AUSSIE BIGGEST NATURAL GASFIELD WILL BE DEVELOPED. SAYS SOME FEAR RUSSIAN DEAL MAY DELAY

AUSSIE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH OTHERS SAY GOOD IDEA SINCE PRICES CAN ONLY RISE. CHRISTOPHER

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